

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MANY STATES

Important News Gathered from Abroad for the Benefit of Our Readers.

Let's have a local gas company organized and make a test for natural gas in this county. The indications are favorable and it will not cost, collectively, a great deal to test it. If some one else comes in and strikes it, they get the profits from it.—Jackson Democrat.

Barboursville, Ky., Nov. 28.—The largest land deal made in years in this section has just been consummated. Col. John E. Golden, a local capitalist, selling 15,000 acres of coal and timber lands in Leslie, Perry and Letcher counties to J. J. Hoblitzell, of Meyersdale, Pa. The consideration was not made public, but the sum paid for the lands was large. Mr. Hoblitzell and associates will hold the land for future developments.

Kentucky has 592 sons and daughters in government positions in Washington, and they draw a total of \$756,885 a year from the national government. From the standpoint of the number of her citizens in official positions at the national capital, as well as from the standpoint of their aggregate salaries, Kentucky ranks sixteenth among the states of the Union.

B. Fult French, charged with complicity in the murder of James B. Marcum, at Jackson several years ago, was acquitted after a trial at Beattyville lasting several days.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 28.—Four convicts in the Frankfort penitentiary to-day gave thanks to Governor Beckham for extending executive clemency to them, and they will leave tomorrow for their respective homes. Every effort was made to scrape the names of the prisoners who were liberated, but each inquiry for their names was turned down.

An order was entered in the Fayette Circuit Court in the case of the Columbia Finance and Trust Company of Louisville against the Lexington and Carter County Mining Company, conveying to W. B. Bennett, of Pittsburg, 11,000 acres of land owned by the mining company in Carter county, Kentucky. This land is situated on the line of the C. and O. railroad, between this city and Ashland, and is rich in coal, timber and fire clay. A branch railroad line six miles long was sold with the land, and this will be extended by the companies to new mining territory which will be opened.

This land has been in litigation for about eleven years, and was sold at Commissioner's sale on October 14 to settle a trust estate, the Columbia Finance and Trust Company being trustee of the mining company. Pride & Day, lawyers of this city, were the purchasers at the Commissioner's sale for \$30,500. They are said to have cleared a handsome profit by the sale to Mr. Bennett.

Mayaville, Ky., Nov. 27.—C. F. Powers, aged about twenty-five, was killed on the C. & O. east of here this morning. He was a brakeman on train No. 98 and was not missed until the train reached Concord. His remains were picked up by a workman east of the coal docks, the body being cut to pieces.

Morganfield, Ky., Nov. 28.—Those farmers who have been feeding hogs

have certainly suffered from the financial panic through which we are passing.

Yesterday dealers were only offering three and a half.

This is a decline of exactly \$3 from the price just offered before the panic struck us. It is said to be the lowest figures hogs have reached on this market for ten years or more.

Inconsistent with this decline in hogs are quotations received by our merchants on meat. These quotations show no decline in the price quoted a week ago. Armour is not shipping any of his "Star" brand of lard at all the reason assigned being that they have no stock on hand.

The question then is, "Why are hogs so low?"

Maj. A. J. Morey, a soldier and newspaper man, died after a lingering illness of paralysis at his home in Cynthia. He was in his eightieth year.

A SIGNIFICANT PRAYER.

"May the Lord help you make Bucklen's Arnica Salve known to all," writes J. G. Jenkins, of Chapel Hill, N. C. It quickly took the pain out of a felon for me and cured it in a wonderfully short time." Best on earth for sores, burns and wounds, etc. at A. M. Hughes drug store.

Trustees Sale.

In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

NOTICE OF SALE.

In the matter of the Torchlight Coal Company, Bankrupt, in bankruptcy.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, will, pursuant to order of Court, entered November 19th, 1907, in the above styled proceedings, on SATURDAY, the 7th day of DECEMBER, 1907, between 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., at the court house door in Louisa, Lawrence county, Kentucky, offer at public sale to the highest and best bidder the real estate, mineral and mineral rights belonging to the bankrupt. Said property consisting of about fifteen hundred and fifty acres of land in fee and about 22 hundred acres of mineral, including coal, gas and oil, together with mining and operating rights, all of same being situated in Lawrence county, Kentucky, on Three Mile Creek, and Big Sandy River and waters thereof. A full description of said properties may be had upon application to office of undersigned in Catlettsburg, Ky., or at the office of Proctor K. Mallin, Referee in Bankruptcy, at Ashland, Kentucky.

TERMS: Said property will be sold for one-third cash in hand on day of sale and the balance of purchase price to be paid in two equal installments due in six and nine months respectively from date of sale, and for which deferred payments purchaser shall execute bonds with good and sufficient personal surety with lien retained for deferred payment, provided however, that in the event purchaser shall so desire, the entire purchase price will be accepted in cash on day of sale.

Given under my hand, this Nov. 19, 1907.

L. T. EVERETT,

Dec. 7. Trustee in Bankruptcy.

Notice to Taxpayers.

County and State taxes have been due for 1907 since May and I desire to call the attention of all taxpayers to this fact and urge them to call at my office or see the deputies of their respective districts and settle as soon as possible. Do not put it off until the last. The earlier you pay the earlier the holders of claims will get their money from the Treasurer.

J. B. Clayton, Sheriff.

RUTH'S WISE CHOICE

Sunday School Lesson for Dec. 8, 1907

Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT.—Ruth 1:14-22. Memory Verse, 14, 17.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."—Ruth 1:16.

TIME.—Ruth belongs to the time of the Judges, possibly in the time of Gideon, B. C. 1200-1150, or in the early part of the judgeship of Eli, when East Israel was oppressed by Amosites, and West Israel by the Philistines (1200). As she was the great-grandmother of David, other date is possible. The dates are the common ones in our Bible. Some scholars place David's date considerably later.

PLACE.—The early home of Naomi and the later one of Ruth was at Bethlehem, around which so many interesting events cluster. The early home of Ruth was in Moab, east of the Dead Sea and southern Jordan.

Comment and Suggestive Thought.

The Two Daughters.—The two widowed daughters-in-law, Orpah, the "Fawn," and Ruth, "the Rose of Moab," went part of the way to see Naomi off, as friends and relatives were accustomed to do, and as is still the custom in the east. When the time came to part, when they had kissed each other and wept together, they both declared they would not return, but would go with her to Israel. "Like a wise woman, she declined to take advantage of the impulse of passionate regret, which seemed adverse to their temporal welfare, and which their cooler judgment might not sanction, and urged them, by many strong arguments, to return." "God wrestled with Jacob with desire to be conquered; so Naomi, no doubt, opposed Ruth, hoping and wishing that she herself might be foiled."—T. Fuller. She would have Ruth fully understand her own mind, and realize what the decision would cost her. So in the parable of Christ (Luke 14: 26-33). So Joshua, in his farewell address to his people, when urging them with all his soul to be true to their God, even after their declaration—"God forbid that we should forsake the Lord"—tells them, "Ye cannot serve the Lord" (Josh. 24: 21).

Orpah decides to go back to her people. There was little to attract her to a new and strange home, with poverty in prospect, with little hope that she would be welcome to the exclusive Jews, to whom, as well as to her mother, she might become a burden—nothing to attract her except love and religion. Neither of these did she possess in a degree sufficient to overcome the obstacles in the way. We do not know whether she returned to the worship of idols or whether she, at least in private, clung to the religion and the God she had learned from Naomi.

Ruth, with a deeper nature and clearer insight, with a love to Naomi that would cheer and strengthen her, and a consciousness of her need of God and love to God that made all other blessings as nothing in comparison, clung unto Naomi, and, like Mary, chose the good part which shall not be taken away from her.

V. 16. "And Ruth said." "Ruth's passionate burst of tenderness is immortal. It has put into fitting words for all generations the deepest thoughts of loving hearts, and comes to us over all the centuries between as warm and living as when it welled up from that pure, heroic soul. The two strongest emotions of our nature are blended in it, and each gives a portion of its fervor—love and religion."—MacLaren.

Orpah and Ruth, starting together for the promised land, and one returning to idolatry, while the other goes on to immortal blessedness, are paralleled by the characters in the early part of Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," where Christian and his neighbors start together for the Celestial City. Christian goes on, while Obstinate and Pliable soon return to the City of Destruction. "It might have been" sums up the tragedy of many a life.

Choices between good and evil, even in small things, are the most important acts of our lives. They are the creative acts of the soul. Often these fateful crises come in our lives in connection with decisions of the importance of which we do not dream. We know what is right; we do not know the far-reaching effects.

The Outcome of Ruth's Choice.—So far we have been reading the introduction to Ruth's romantic love story, a companion picture in common life to the picture in Solomon's song portraying the love of a great king.

It is well to have these two pictures in the Bible gallery, because home and holy love are essential conditions of the transforming this world into the kingdom of God. Home and love open the gates to Paradise. The star of Bethlehem for the race stands over the home with Jesus in it.

The greatest reward both of Boaz and of Ruth arises from the fact that they were the ancestors of King David, the greatest of Israel's kings, and of David's greater son, Jesus, the prince of peace.

"Here we have the eternal appreciation of every-day virtue and service in the midst of little, ordinary things, and the divine recognition of these as powers in making the world what God wants it to be. It is meant to teach that in the timeliest breast of timid woman there may reside an energy which affects human life and the destinies of ages more even than clattering arms and clashing armies." And Ruth, bringing into Judah only a woman's heart filled with a wonderful love, was able to do more for the land of her exile than its soldiers spending themselves in battle."

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